

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 26 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 27 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 25 Dec 2021 at 15:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable conditions for the next few days, although with only small amounts of rain or snow

Headline for Sunday 26 Dec 2021: Mainly dry and bitterly cold in summit gales, best of the brightness in the north

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 26 Dec 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

Low Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	20%	10%	30%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 26 Dec 2021

Weather: Most of the day will be dry, some patchy light snow developing across southwest of the area from late afternoon. Elsewhere it will remain mostly dry. Some winter sunshine expected in most areas, but low cloud developing across Rannoch Moor by early afternoon, this extending northwards during the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% across the north of the region, 50% in the south

Visibility: Areas of cloud down to 700 to 900 metres developing through the afternoon in the southwest of the area, but summits here should see some clearer conditions in the morning. Ranges across the north including Cairngorm likely to be clear until mid-afternoon before cloud increases

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	53/69 SE	49/65 SE	49/65 SE	50/66 SE	47/61 SE	42/54 SE	39/50 SE	36/47 SE	32/41 SE
900	55/74 SE	50/70 SE	47/66 SE	49/67 SE	46/63 SE	40/55 SE	35/48 SE	31/43 SE	29/38 SE
600	27/45 S	27/45 SE	25/43 SE	25/40 SE	24/39 SE	24/40 SE	19/31 SE	18/31 SE	13/22 SE
300	6/11 NE	6/13 NE	7/12 NE	6/12 NE	7/13 NE	6/12 NE	6/11 NE	6/11 W	5/8 E
Glen	5/11 S	5/14 S	4/11 S	4/11 S	5/17 S	6/17 S	5/16 S	3/12 S	3/10 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-22	-8/-21	-8/-21	-8/-21	-7/-19	-7/-18	-6/-17	-4/-14	-4/-13
900	-4/-15	-4/-15	-3/-14	-3/-14	-2/-12	-1/-10	-1/-9	-0/-8	-0/-8
600	-2/-10	-2/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-0/-8	0/-6	1/-5	1/-3
300	-1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	2/-1
Glen	-0/-4	-0/-4	-1/-4	-0/-4	1/-2	1/-2	2/-2	2/-0	2/0
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	100m	100m	200m	300m	400m	600m	800m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold in summit severe gale or storm force southeasterly winds.

Forecast for Monday 27 Dec 2021

Weather: A little patchy snow at first in the early hours. Then a dry day expected with some sunshine, although some low cloud may linger across the southwest of the area throughout the day.

Maximum wind: Southerly 15 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Generally very good with summits clear, although some low cloud across the southwest of the area down to 500 metres

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 rising to 5 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 1000 metres